SEITING UP OF CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION BY CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

3339. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to, s;ate :

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation is planning to set up container Veight stations:

(b) if so. the derails hereot

(c) whether the Co.oration is ,also ploninig to have contair or repairing and servieing facilities in the . country; and

(d) if .so, the dewalk thereof

THE MINISTER CHATATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The Central Warehousing Corpoation. is already operating Container Frerinst Stations at .dalaj (Ahmedabad), Bhandup (Bombay), Nanaihnagur (Hyderbad J. N. Fort. Kalamboli (New Bombay), Royapuram. : Madras) Virugambakkarr (Madras), Pune (Maharashtra), Parpargani (Delhi) and Ludhiana (joint Venture with Freight SWC) The Corporation is also developing Container Freight Stations at Calcutta (West Bengal), Dronagiri Node (New Bombay), Kandla (Guiarat), Surat Gujarat) Nasik i Maharashtra), Udaipur : Rajasthan) and Madhavarra (Madras).

(c) and (d) The Co poration is planning to develop repairing and servicing acilities in India for International Stan-ard Organsation (ISO) Containers at a sw selected Container Freight Stations. the Corport on is having discussions in his regard with the Bridge & Roof Com-any (India), which is a subsidiary of Bharat Yantra Nigam Ltd., a Govern-nent of India enterprise.

INCREASE OF WHEAT PRICES

3340. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whather the Central Warehousing a good monsoon for the sixth successive year, grain prices are soaring;

(b) whether the price of wheat has increased by 4.3 percent and that of rice by 2.3 percent in the past one month alone ; and

(c) if so, what are the causes of such increases in the pries of grain which affect the buyers of food, including million of landless labourers and urban poor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRl KALP NATH RAI) : a) During the last 4 weeks ending 4-12--993, the wholesale prices of sub-group cereals have shown a marginal rise of 0.2 percent when measured in terms of variation in the wholesale Price Index Numbers.

(b) The percentage variation in the WPI of wheat and rice during different intervals of 4 weeks ending 4-12-1993 are as under :—

	Wheat	Rice
Over 1 week	+0.5	—0.6
over fortnight	+1.3	—0.5
Over 4 weeks	+1.4	—0.8